

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1275**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Torres**

February 18, 2011

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An act to amend Section 50001 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1275, as introduced, Torres. Housing.

Existing law makes several legislative findings and declarations of the vital statewide importance of housing to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the state for several reasons.

This bill would make several changes to these legislative findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 50001 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 50001. The Legislature finds and declares that the subject of
- 4 housing is of vital statewide importance to the health, safety, and
- 5 welfare of the residents of this state, for the following reasons:
- 6 (a) Decent *and affordable* housing is an essential motivating
- 7 force in helping people achieve self-fulfillment in a free and
- 8 democratic society.

1 (b) Unsanitary, unsafe, overcrowded, or congested dwelling  
2 accommodations or lack of decent housing constitute conditions  
3 which cause an increase in, and spread of, disease and crime.

4 (c) A healthy housing market is one in which residents of this  
5 state have a choice of *affordable* housing opportunities and one in  
6 which the housing consumer may effectively choose within the  
7 free marketplace.

8 (d) A healthy housing market is necessary both to achieve a  
9 healthy state economy and to avoid ~~an unacceptable level~~ *high*  
10 *levels* of unemployment.